

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 5, 7, 9 and 10 are pending. Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled. Claims 1, 5, and 7 are amended. Claim 8 was withdrawn

In the September 2, 2005 Office Action, dependent claims 6 and 7 were object to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and were identified as being allowable is written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of dependent claims 4 and 6. Claims 5 and 7 have been amended to depend from claim 1. In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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